

SENATE BILL 3656  
By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 7, relative to technology access fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, is amended by adding  
the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-7-\_\_\_\_.

(a) All Tennessee board of regents institutions shall assess technology  
access fees to students solely for the direct benefit of students.

(b) Technology access fees may be assessed to assist with the cost of  
providing students with up-to-date information, instructional technologies,  
software, and maintenance. The following is an all-inclusive list of items for  
which technology access fees may be assessed:

(1) New and improved high technology laboratories and  
classrooms;

(2) Appropriate network systems and software;

(3) Computers and other technical laboratory supplies,  
equipment, and maintenance;

(4) Multi-media classroom equipment and classroom  
modifications;

(5) Laboratory and course staffing;

(6) Renewal and replacement reserves;

(7) New machines and equipment for faculty use when faculty members are actively engaged in developing and conducting on-line courses;

(8) Faculty and staff development, including training, seminars, and courses, directly related to the introduction or application of new technology which impacts students;

(9) Infrastructure, including wiring, network equipment, and servers; necessary to provide students with maximum computing capability; and

(10) Expansion of technology resources of libraries.

(c)

(1) Staff assistance for laboratory and classroom uses of Tennessee board of regents universities shall not exceed twelve percent (12%) of the university's student employee population and shall be limited to student employees;

(2) Staff assistance for laboratory and classroom uses of Tennessee board of regents community colleges shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of student or staff employees.

(d) A Tennessee board of regents institution's use of technology access fees for infrastructure costs shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate project costs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.